This American Voice Letter Overview

Write a letter to me addressing the following questions:

* How does your novel enhance our understanding of the American Experience?
* How is the perspective different from the 'Dead White Guys' we've already read this year?
* Why is it important for Americans to read your novel?

Nuts and Bolts:

* Two pages, double-spaced.
* Include multiple quotations from your novel.
* Include at least one quotation from each of your critical essays.
* Analyze your quotations to back up your answers to the questions.
* You may inject your voice into this essay, but it is still an academic letter; therefore, it should have impeccable grammatical stability and appropriate diction.
* Edit and revise *ad infinitum*.

Letter Rubric

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|  | 1 – Far out | 2 - Close | 3 - Proficient | 4 – Exceptional |
| Diction | Incorrect spellings and/or word usage make paper difficult to read. | More than a few words are spelled or used incorrectly. | Vocabulary is complex, and words are spelled and used correctly. | Words are spelled and used correctly, but also creatively or unconventionally. |
| Syntax | Errors in grammar or sentence structure make paper difficult to read. | Sentences have more than a few errors in grammar or structure. | Sentence structure is clear, varied and fluid. | Sentence structure is clear, varied and fluid, and also complex and engaging. |
| Sources | No mention of critical sources. | Critical sources and their stances are mentioned. | Critical sources and their stances are summarized, with examples from texts. | Critical sources and their stances are summarized, with examples from texts, and evaluated for fairness. |
| Reflection | Author’s perspective and his/her work are mentioned. | Author’s perspective and his/her work are summarized, with examples from text. | Author’s perspective and his/her work are summarized, with examples from text, and reflected upon. | Author’s perspective and his/her work are summarized, with examples from text, and reflected upon, specifically their differences from the DWG. |
|  | Grade Equivalents: | 16- 100  15-97  14-93  13-90  12-87 | 11-84  10-81  9-78  8-75  7-72 | Etc… |